

REMARKS

Claims 17 to 32 are pending in this application. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing all claims 17 to 32.

The Drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that the "reference optical fiber path" of claim 17 and the means for providing "a reference polarization state" of claim 25 should be shown in the Drawings. Accordingly, Applicants have added new Fig. 4 and new Fig. 5 to ensure that those features are shown in the Drawings. Support for the new Figs. can be found throughout the Specification and the claims. The Specification has been amended above to include paragraphs addressing those features shown in new Figs. 4 and 5. No new matter has been added to the Drawings or to the Specification.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Drawings and the Specification, as amended, now properly show corresponding exemplary illustrations of the various features in the claims, in accordance with the request of the Office Action. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to the Drawings and that the above-identified application be allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that the objections to the Drawings have been obviated, and that Figs. 1 to 5, the Specification, and all claims, are now in a condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes new Fig. 4 and new Fig. 5. Thus, in total, there should be Figs. 1 to 5 in this application.

Attachment: New Fig. 4

New Fig. 5

[NEW FIGURE]

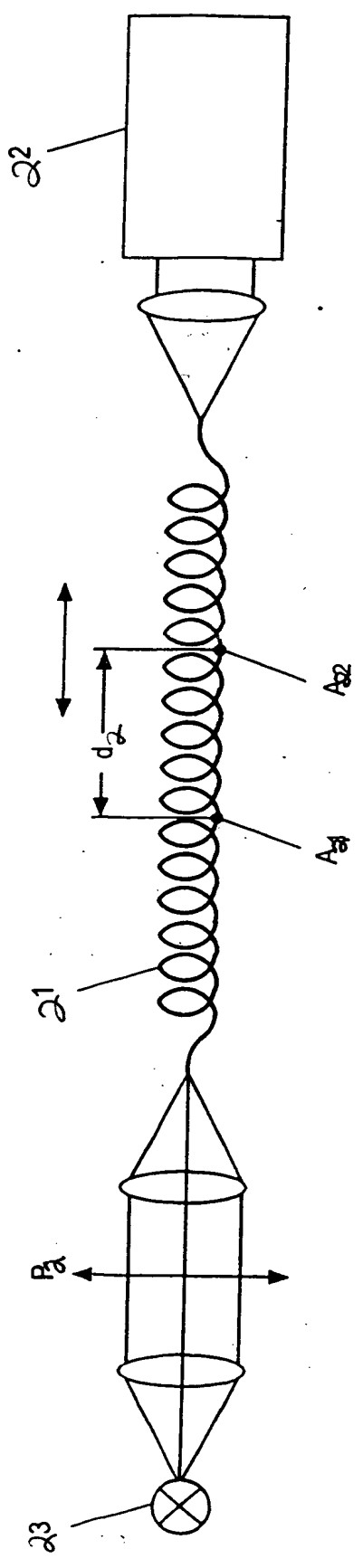
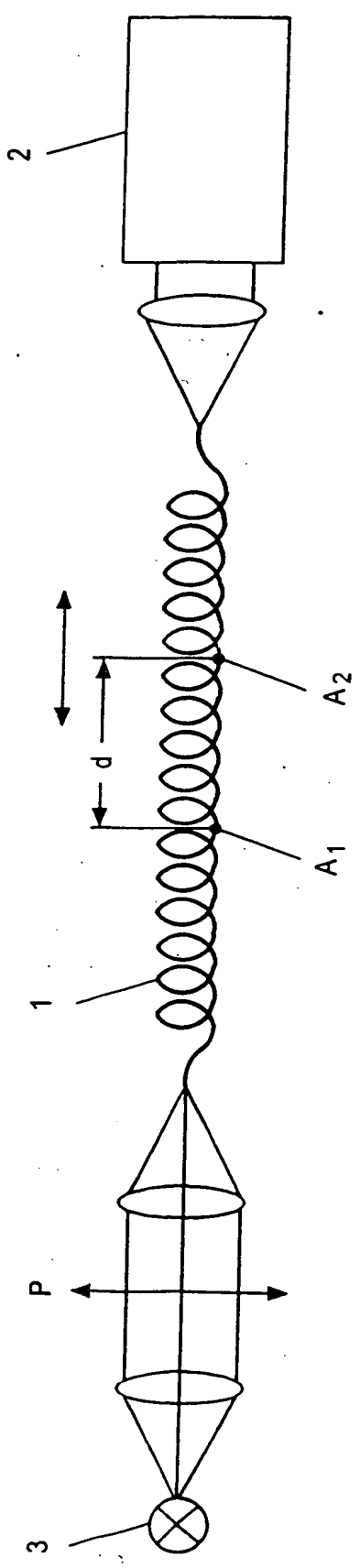


Fig. 5



[NEW FIGURE]

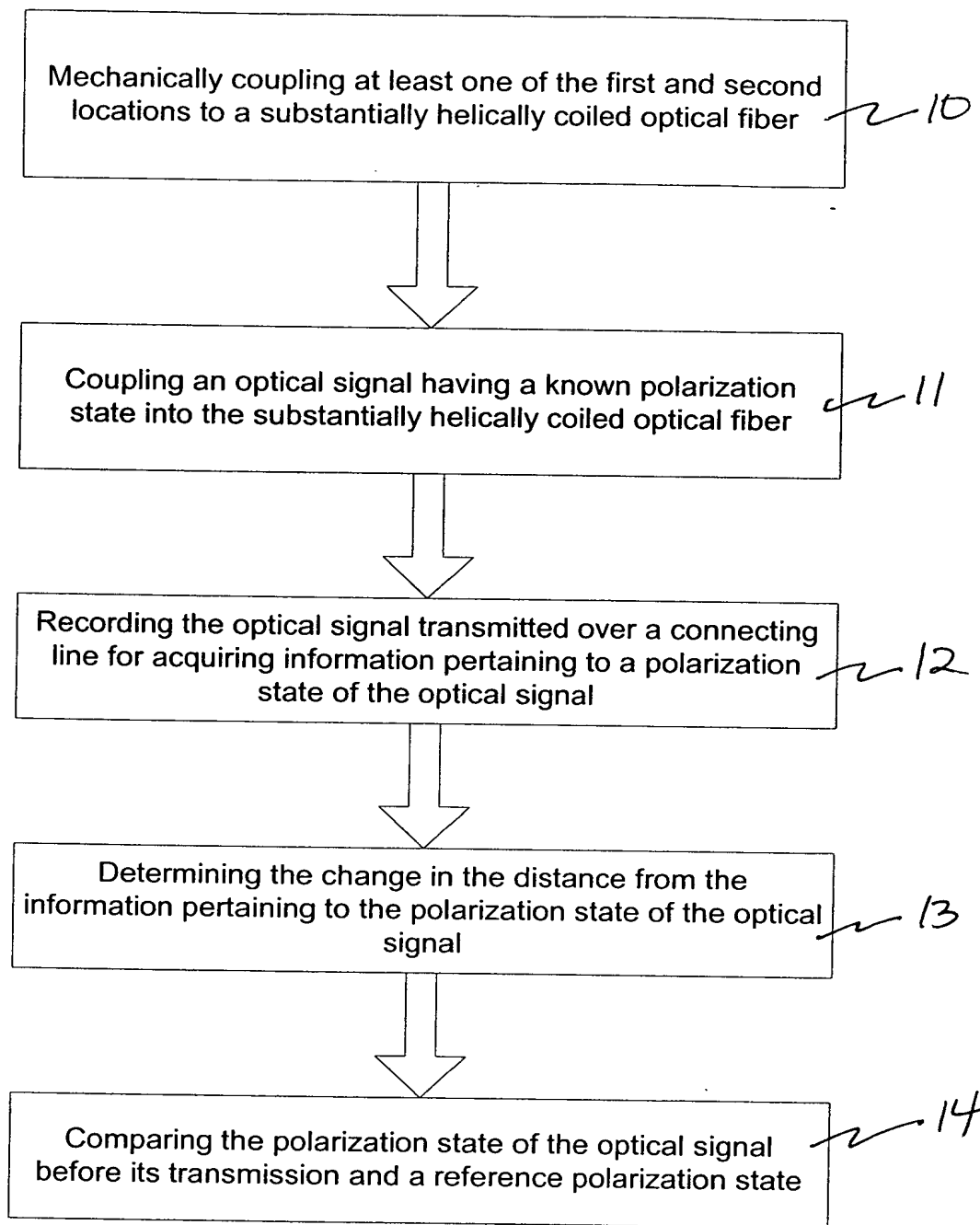


Fig. 4